

Table 8.1
Total U.S. Telephone Lines

Year End	Presubscribed Lines	Annual Growth (%)	Local Loops	Annual Growth (%)	Access Lines	Annual Growth (%)
1980			102,216,367			
1981			105,559,222	3.3 %		
1982			107,519,214	1.9		
1983			110,612,689	2.9		
1984			112,550,739	1.8	113,880,538	
1985			115,985,813	3.1	117,434,802	3.1 %
1986			118,289,121	2.0	120,781,565	2.8
1987	121,466,500		122,789,249	3.8	124,678,710	3.2
1988	124,360,829	2.4 %	127,086,765	3.5	126,953,616	1.8
1989	128,482,479	3.3	131,504,568	3.5	130,915,695	3.1
1990	132,408,608	3.1	136,114,201	3.5	134,743,029	2.9
1991	135,286,582	2.2	139,412,884	2.4	139,672,703	3.7
1992	138,725,040	2.5	143,341,581	2.8	142,428,028	2.0
1993	142,809,280	2.9	148,106,159	3.3	147,095,681	3.3
1994	148,479,328	4.0	153,447,946	3.6	151,607,529	3.1
1995	152,601,177	2.8	159,658,662	4.0	158,219,924	4.4
1996	158,672,243	4.0	166,445,580	4.3	165,420,650	4.6
1997	NA	NA	173,868,033	4.5	173,705,523	5.0
1998	NA	NA	179,846,360	3.4	180,471,261	3.9
1999	NA	NA	184,985,055	2.9	186,260,652	3.2

NA - Not Available.

Source: Presubscribed lines and local loops: National Exchange Carrier Association.

Access Lines: *Statistics of Communications Common Carriers*, 1999 edition, Table 4.10,
after inflating access lines of reporting carriers to represent the total industry.

Table 8.3
Telephone Loops of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers by Holding
(As of December 31, 1999)

Holding Companies	Loops	Percent of Loops
Verizon Communications 2/	62,276,224	33.67 %
SBC Communications	58,918,970	31.85
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.	24,780,115	13.40
Qwest Communications Corporation	16,883,785	9.13
Sprint Corporation	7,874,408	4.26
ALLTEL Corporation	2,271,645	1.23
CenturyTel, Inc.	1,264,311	0.68
Global Crossing Ltd.	1,126,253	0.61
Citizens Communications Company	1,011,101	0.55
Cincinnati Bell, Inc.	998,991	0.54
TDS Telecommunications Corporation	588,355	0.32
Alaska Communications Systems Holding, Inc.	329,876	0.18
C-TEC Corporation	297,405	0.16
Madison River Telephone Company	148,614	0.08
MJD Communications	140,031	0.08
North State Telephone Company	133,533	0.07
Rock Hill Telephone Company	123,806	0.07
Roseville Telephone Company	123,520	0.07
The Concord Telephone Company	118,218	0.06
TXU Communications	117,268	0.06
Consolidated Communications, Inc.	88,953	0.05
Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	86,423	0.05
Conestoga Enterprises, Inc.	80,169	0.04
North Pittsburgh Telephone Company	79,042	0.04
Guam Telephone Authority	77,609	0.04
Hargray Communications Group, Inc.	67,645	0.04
Virgin Islands Telephone Corporation	67,229	0.04
Denver & Ephrata Telephone Company	59,395	0.03
Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	57,255	0.03
Matanuska Telephone Association	56,575	0.03
Pioneer	50,282	0.03
GTC, Inc.	49,710	0.03
Chorus Communications Group	43,543	0.02
Fort Bend Communication Company	41,677	0.02
Mankato Citizens Telephone Company	40,573	0.02
Lynch Telephone Corporation	40,437	0.02
Coastal Utilities, Inc.	39,332	0.02
East Ascension Telephone Company, Inc.	39,289	0.02
CFW Communication Companies	38,342	0.02
Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation	38,083	0.02
Twin Lake Telephone Cooperative	36,574	0.02
SRT Service Corporation	35,985	0.02
Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	35,813	0.02
The Chillicothe Telephone Company	35,566	0.02
Golden West Telecommunications	35,384	0.02
Telephone Electronics Corporation	35,102	0.02
Lexington Communications, Inc.	34,739	0.02
Guadalupe Valley Telephone Cooperative	34,713	0.02
Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation	34,663	0.02
Great Plains Communication, Inc.	34,478	0.02
Smithville Telephone Company, Inc.	33,333	0.02
Wood County Telephone Company	30,921	0.02
Yadkin Valley Telephone	30,785	0.02
Eastex Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	30,748	0.02
Ollig Utilities	28,233	0.02
Brandenburg Telephone Company	27,652	0.01
South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative	27,596	0.01
Millington Telephone Company, Inc.	26,336	0.01
Kerrville Telephone Company	25,645	0.01
Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation	25,520	0.01
All Other Companies	3,677,277	1.99
Total	184,985,055	100.00 %

1/ Includes incumbent local exchange carrier's loops for holding companies with more than 25,000 loops.

2/ Includes Bell Atlantic Corporation and GTE Corporation. Source: NECA universal service filings.